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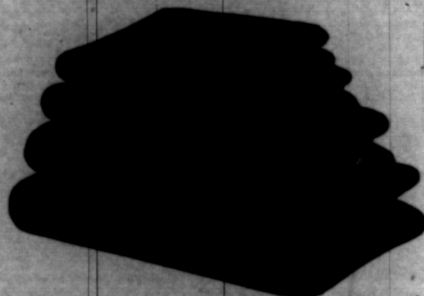
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## MINUTES

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### Twelfth Annual Session

OF THE

## Lebanon Baptist Association

AT

HATTIESBURG, MISS..

OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 1, 1906.

#### OFFICERS:

MODERATOR.....I. P. TROTTER.....HATTIESBURG, MISS.  
CLERK.....W. K. RED.....HATTIESBURG, MISS.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

I. P. TROTTER, Chairman.  
F. F. PHILLIPS    O. S. BOWEN  
J. C. BALLARD    A. A. MONTAGUE

The next meeting of the Association will be held with the  
Poplarville Baptist Church, on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1907.

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## Ordained Ministers

Names.	Postoffice.
J. P. Culpepper .....	Poplarville, Miss.
Tyra Cooley .....	Heidelberg, Miss.
R. N. Davis .....	Perkinston, Miss.
J. W. Day .....	Perkinston, Miss.
R. W. Brooks .....	Sumrall, Miss.
M. W. Bostic .....	Sandersville, Miss.
J. B. Flanagan .....	Poplarville, Miss.
L. G. Gates .....	Laurel, Miss.
L. E. Hall .....	Schanton, Miss.
E. M. Laird .....	Laurel, Miss.
R. D. Maum .....	Laurel, Miss.
Henry Mayfield .....	Laurel, Miss.
W. W. Mitchell .....	Poplarville, Miss.
R. J. O. Bryant .....	Sumrall, Miss.
Jeff Lott .....	Wiggins, Miss.
R. M. Perry .....	Hattiesburg, Miss.
I. P. Trotter .....	Hattiesburg, Miss.
D. C. Rawls .....	Hattiesburg, Miss.
A. J. Rogers .....	Hattiesburg, Miss.
W. K. Red .....	Hattiesburg, Miss.
R. L. Sproles .....	Lumberton, Miss.
E. W. Spencer .....	Wiggins, Miss.
A. P. Pugh .....	Ellisville, Miss.
J. E. Phillips .....	Hattiesburg, Miss.
LICENSED MINISTERS ...	
E. B. Robbins .....	Laurel, Miss.
R. L. Edwards .....	Laurel, Miss.



## In Memory of Our Dead

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Sister D. E. Denham .....	Sardis Church
Bro. J. B. Pack .....	Laurel First Church
Bro. Wm. Johnson .....	Laurel Second Church
Sister Kate C. Martin .....	Laurel Second Church
Sister Julia Ann Prince .....	Laurel Second Church
Bro. E. Lovell .....	Poplarville Church
Bro. D. M. Shows .....	Fairfield Church
Bro. S. Slade .....	Orvisburg Church
Bro. J. E. Cooley .....	Shady Grove Church
Sister Cornelia Allen .....	Shady Grove Church
Sister Nannie Risher .....	Columbia Street Church
Bro. B. P. May .....	Brooklyn, Miss

# Constitution

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the **LEBANON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**.

Art. 2. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, and a clerk who shall also be ex-officio Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Art. 3. The object of this association shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom by the concentration of Christian labor, inculcation of Bible truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

Art. 4. Members of the Association shall be composed of messengers who shall produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats.

Art. 5. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty or fractional part thereof, provided, that ministers who are members of such churches, but supply other pulpits may be appointed as additional delegates to the regular quota.

Art. 6. This Association shall only have the power of an advisory council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

Art. 7. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, and such queries shall embrace only questions of doctrine.

Art. 8. The Association shall meet annually as may be agreed upon, and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator, and a Clerk who shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the Association.

Art. 9. The duties of the various officers of the Association shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mel's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

Art. 10. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismission may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority present, while the Association retains the right of withdrawing

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from such churches as it shall deem herterodox or disorderly.

Art. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the association by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. WE believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and Glory.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose his people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principal of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only lawgiver of his church and that the government is with the church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lords Supper are the only ordinances of the church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly authorized by the church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regular Baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.



14. We believe that the churches compose Christ's visible kingdom on the earth, and they are independent of each other; choosing their own bishops, and other executive officers, none of whom may lord it over God's heritage.

## Rules of Decorum

1. All meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer and closed with prayer or benediction.

2. The first order of business shall be the calling of the roll of the churches comprising the same and the enrollment of delegates representing them.

3. No delegates can be enrolled until they furnish evidence in writing from the church which they propose to represent, which evidence shall be submitted to the clerk.

4. No business shall be discussed by the body unless it shall have been brought up before it by a motion sustained by a second.

5. No member shall be allowed to speak but once on the same subject, except by permission.

6. The Moderator may correct any speaker for misquotation, personal reflection, or indiscreet language.

7. Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, when, if it be sustained by a two-thirds vote, the Moderator's ruling shall be reversed.

8. All members shall use the term "Brother," when addressing or speaking of each other; and any one failing to observe this rule subjects himself to a reprimand by the Moderator.

9. Any or all of the rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

# Proceedings

## FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The Lebanon Association met in its twelfth annual session at Wiggins, Miss., at the invitation of the Wiggins Baptist church, and was called to order at 11 a. m., October 31, 1906. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. W. J. Derrick, of Clinton, Miss. Scriptures read, John 15: 1-17. Songs: "Come Thou Fount" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." The following brethren led in prayer: L. G. Gates, N. L. Phillips, W. H. Boone. The following churches were represented by letters and messengers:

Big Level—Malone Breland, R. W. Hatton.

Eastabuchie—J. E. Phillips.

Ellisville—A. P. Pugh, J. F. Parker.

Columbia Street—N. L. Phillips, J. H. Limbaugh, A. J. Rogers, W. K. Red.

Fairfield—M. T. Odom.

Hattiesburg, First—I. P. Trotter, D. C. Rawls, W. P. Smith, O. J. Bowen.

Laurel, First—L. G. Gates, T. E. Waldrup.

Perkinston—R. N. Davis.

Purvis—Thomas Purvis, J. C. Ladner.

Sandersville—R. L. Hardee.

Sardis—By letter.

Bond—D. A. Scarborough, S. C. Culpepper, S. M. Bond.

Brooklyn—C. W. Fillingame, R. L. Smith.

Orvisburg—Miss Annie Moran, Mrs. Vic Roddy.

Poplarville—J. H. Caver, J. P. Culpepper.

Sumrall—O. A. Haigler.

West Laurel—R. D. Maum, Homer Locke, W. B. Moody, T. S. Gardner, D. B. Sumrall.

Lumberton—By letter.

Corinth—By letter.

Vernon—By letter.

Heidelberg—By letter.

Shady Grove—By letter.

Wiggins—E. W. Spencer, L. W. Davis, W. J. McCoy.

Wingate—By letter.

Zion Hill—John L. Davis.

By motion of the Association adjourned till 1:30 p. m.  
Prayer by Bro. R. D. Maum.

Afternoon Session.

At 1:30 p. m. the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Bro. J. E. Phillips conducted the devotional service. Songs: "How Firm a Foundation," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "Dark for the Night is Coming." The Association was led in prayer by Brethren J. L. Finley and A. V. Rowe. The letters having been read the Moderator declared the body ready to elect new officers. By motion W. K. Red was instructed to cast the vote of the entire Association for the re-election of Bro. I. P. Trotter as Moderator. Also by motion Bro. A. J. Rogers was instructed to cast the vote of the Association for the re-election of W. K. Red as clerk.

Petitionary letters were then called for.

Letters from New Augusta and from Red Creek Union were presented and by motion these two churches were received into the Association. New Augusta by letter, Red Creek Union by J. M. Flurry.

Visitors.

The following visitors were then received: Brethren A. V. Rowe, our corresponding secretary of the state board; W. H. Boone in the interest of Mississippi Baptist; O. M. Lucas, of the Baptist Record; J. L. Finley, of the Gulf Coast Association; M. J. Derrick, agent for Mississippi College.

Reports were then called for.

The Treasurer's report was then read by W. K. Red and adopted.

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### Treasurer's Report.

1905.	W. K. RED, Treasurer	.....	
	In Account with Lebanon Baptist Asso'n, Dr.		
Nov. 2	To cash received from the Finance Committee		\$365.75
	To cash received from Soso Church	.....	1.00
	To cash received from Ellisville Church	.....	5.00
	Balance in treasury from last year	.....	16.44
May	Amounts received to pay expenses of delegate to S. B. Convention:		
	Hattiesburg First Church	.....	5.00
	Poplarville	.....	8.00
	Sandersville	.....	2.00
	Ellisville	.....	2.00
	Laurel First Church	.....	2.50
	Columbia Street	.....	1.75
	Orvisburg	.....	1.00
	Sumrall	.....	75
	Total amount of cash received	.....	\$411.19
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Nov. 2, 1905	Check to A. V. Rowe, for Missions	.....	\$300.44
	Check to Tell Farmer for printing minutes	28.50	
	Check to Clerk	.....	25.00
	Check to Mrs. E. V. Clark by order Ex Com	5.00	
	Check J. P. Culpepper delegate to S. B. C.	23.00	
	Postage and stationery	.....	4.50
	Total amount paid out	.....	\$386.44
	Balance in Treasury	.....	\$24.75

The report on Sustentation was read by Bro. R. D. Maum. After a discussion on by Brethren R. D. Maum, A. P. Puugh, A. V. Rowe and L. G. Gates, a motion was made to amend the report so as to give the number of aged ministers and their widows who need help and the amount needed. The report was then discussed by D. C. Rawls and A. L. O'Bryant and adopted.

### Report on Sustentation.

This subject is one of large discussion and of very small results. More said and less done than is usual among our people.

Not many "veterans" remain. O, what a gracious Providence, that most of God's ministering servants die young; at least before they are old enough to be of no service and go to the poor house. Not one preacher, of my knowledge, is unable to live

without our help; and if there were, what provisions have we made for him,

During the associational year, 1904-1905, \$248.75 was given for sustenation, and one church, Ellisville, gave \$212 of that; three other churches gave the other \$36.75, while twenty-two churches gave absolutely nothing.

We need conversion on this point and we need it right bad; and when we are converted, we should remember and observe the holy admonition: "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

For 1904-1905 the figures are as follows:

Brooklyn .....	\$6.65
Columbia Street, Hattiesburg .....	57.10
Ellisville .....	212.00
Laurel, First Church .....	25.00

Thus, it will be seen, that a very small per cent. of our churches give anything to this very worthy cause. This ought not to be. If we have no old preachers, we ought to take a collection and send it to Brother Rowe to be used as he thinks best.

As to number of old preachers and their widows, and the needs of same, we herewith append statistics from report of Secretary of Convention Board for 1906, as follows:

The cause of the aged preachers and the widows has not gone without recognition, though the amount is not appreciably larger than was received last year. The number of names has been increased over any preceding year. Four have passed away, leaving the number now at sixteen. There is a balance in the treasury to the credit of this fund of only little more than two hundred dollars. We have paid out during the year \$1,429.00, and possibly no money has carried more happiness and has been a sweeter charity than this which has gone to the humble homes of some of our Father's suffering children who without this help had known sad want. We call your attention to the proposition that comes through Brother J. A. P. Campbell, who in his lifetime was so accustomed to heed the requests of his noble wife, that when in her papers he finds a desire to spend \$500 for this fund that did not reach him until since her departure, he straightway feels that he must honor this desire, and so in memory of his departed wife he proposes to start an endowment by giving \$500.00 to it. What shall be the response from this convention? Is this voice of our departed sister, reaching our hearts and enlisting our larger interest in this cause that was so dear to her and which must be as dear to Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye

have done it unto me." Is this proposition, as suggested by Pastor Yarborough, the leadings of God's providence Who would show us a more excellent way? If so, what shall be our attitude towards it?

O. A. HAIGLER,  
J. H. LIMBAUGH,  
R. D. MAUM,

Committee.

By motion the Association agreed to meet at 9:15 a. m. and adjourn at 12 m. Meet 1:30 p. m. Adjourn at 4:30 p. m. Meet at 7 p. m. Adjourn at pleasure.

The report on Temperance was then read by L. G. Gates and discussed by him and adopted.

#### Temperance.

The cause of temperance is as old as the human race, its need has been imperative in every age, its principles taught by some few in every generation, but especially emphasized by the true followers of Jesus Christ.

It has been and now is a living issue with us and will be as long as there is one to advocate the cause of intemperance.

The influence of the liquor traffic has been nefarious, but now with the light which science and experience have thrown upon it, its influence is diabolical and criminal. It is known to every one present that liquor is the breeder of more crime, the precursor of more infamy, the breaker of more hearts, and the destroyer of more lives than any other agency in the territory that this association covers. And lurking as it does under the name of Blind Tigers it defies law, lulls to sleep the conscience of the police, and places the ban upon every advocate of cleanliness and purity. Under this name it plays the roll of the anarchist, striking at the very heart of law and order, paralyzing with its slimy touch every effort for good.

Our attitude toward it is one unceasing warfare, and our position in this warfare should be on the firing line. We have enough defenders of this cause, the crying need is for men and women who believe in an aggressive warfare, where the victory is already assured we can carry the banner and plant it where Christ would have it planted.

The remedy, prayer to God always because he is as much interested in this cause as any of us.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. G. GATES.  
J. H. CAVER.  
F. L. BUSBY.



The Association adjourned till 7 p. m. Prayer by Bro. J. L. Finley.

#### Evening Session.

The Association met at 7 p. m. After song service and prayer by Bro. W. J. Derrick, Bro. A. P. Pugh read from Matt. 5. The congregation then joined in singing "Amazing Grace," after which the Associational sermon was then preached by Bro. A. P. Pugh. Text: 2 Tim. 1:14. Prayer by W. H. Boone. The Moderator then made a report on committees. Benediction by Bro. E. W. Spencer.

#### Committees.

Sustentation—R. D. Maum, O. A. Haigler, J. H. Limbaugh.  
 Woman's Work—W. K. Red, M. T. Odom, J. F. Parker.  
 Finance—N. L. Phillips, O. J. Bowen, Thomas Purvis.  
 Orphans' Home—J. P. Culpepper, W. P. Smith, R. W. Hatton.  
 Temperance—L. G. Gates, J. H. Caver, F. L. Busby.  
 Sunday Schools—R. N. Davis, C. W. Fillingame, J. L. Davis.  
 Missions—J. E. Phillips, L. W. Davis, D. C. Rawls.  
 Publications—T. E. Waldrup, W. J. McCoy, Malone Breland.  
 Education—J. D. Smith, W. B. Moody, D. A. Scarborough.  
 Nominations—A. J. Rogers, E. Dozier.

#### SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Association was called to order at 9:15 a. m. by the Moderator. Devotional service was conducted by Bro. J. L. Finley. After song service the congregation was led in prayer by Brethren J. L. Finley and J. P. Culpepper.

By motion the first half hour was given to the discussion of Woman's Work and remaining part of the morning session given to the discussion of Missions and Education. The report on Woman's Work was then read. After a discussion by Brethren W. K. Red, A. P. Pugh and A. V. Rowe it was adopted.

#### Woman's Work

From the earliest ages women have been helpers in religious work. In the construction of the tabernacle in the wilderness, it is said: And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands and brought that which they had spun, both of blue and purple and of scarlet and of fine linen," etc. Women also ministered of their substance to our Lord during his earthly ministry. While the New Testament places certain limitations to women's sphere of work in the churches, yet all through the scriptures, her labors of love are recognized and often commended. We rejoice in the fact that the sisters of our Southern Baptist Zion, in all their work have little or no disposition to go beyond these God-given limitations, and that they choose to do

their work in God's way, i. e., through their respective churches. The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, was organized about eighteen years ago. During these years of organized effort, the contributions have reached the sum of \$1,286,370.41. The sisters of our state raised last year for all purposes \$14,583.37. But these amounts, large as they are, can only represent in part the loving service and joyful sacrifices that are constantly being made by the sisters for our Lord and his cause. We would urge that in all efforts to raise funds for our Lord's cause, such methods only be used as are not merely legitimate, but strictly scriptural. Let all the pastors and churches encourage this work. We would recommend the reappointment of Sister E. V. Clark as vice president of Woman's Work in this association. Respectfully submitted.

W. K. RED.  
J. A. PARKER.  
M. T. ODOM.

The report on Missions was then read by Bro. J. E. Phillips. After a discussion by Brethren J. E. Phillips and A. V. Rowe the congregation was then led by Bro. A. P. Pugh in a special prayer for missions. The report was then adopted.

#### Missions.

The subject of Missions is high born. It is written: "The Father sent the son to be the Savior of the world." And the Son says to you and me: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," while Paul tells us that he said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." So listening to such high teaching, we must give the gospel to the world. And at present the world is open for the gospel. Time was when some ports were shut against it but now all doors are open. To the lover of the work this is matter of great encouragement. And then, the work being done is so signally blessed, at home and abroad. State mission work is witnessing rapid growth—in Mississippi it has doubled her offerings in five years. Our home mission board is tightening her cords and strengthening her stakes. And raised last year \$30 more for the work than the year previous, while under the guidance of our foreign board there were 2,445 baptisms and \$315,248 raised for the work. The foreign board last year sent out sixteen new missionaries, making a total of one hundred and eighty nine now on the field and "of this number seventeen are from Mississippi." So, there is much to inspire and call us onward with new zeal. And yet millions still remain who have never heard the glad message and it is the Master's will that they hear. Then let all heed the Savior's words: "Lift

up your eyes and look on the fields white unto harvest," and press new vigor on, holding in memory those other kindly words: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. PHILLIPS.

L. W. DAVIS.

D. C. RAWLS.

The report on Education was read by Bro. J. D. Smith. Bro. J. P. Culpepper then made an appeal in behalf of the young ministers of our Association who are in Mississippi College. Pledges for the following amounts were then given.

**Ministerial Education Pledges.**

Hattiesburg First Church .....	\$25.00
Jeff Lott .....	25.00
A. J. Rogers .....	10.00
L. G. Gates, Laurel .....	20.00
Columbia Street Baptist Church .....	10.00

Following churches pledged collection:

Ellisville.

R. L. Davis.

D. C. Rawls.

Purvis Baptist Church.

Bro. W. J. Derrick spoke on Mississippi College. The report was adopted.

**Report on Christian Education.**

Christian education is the highest type of education carried on by our people and can be successfully accomplished only as conducted by a Christian denomination.

The only agency used by Mississippi Baptist for this purpose is Mississippi College located at Clinton, Miss. The noble history of this worthy institution is known and appreciated by our people throughout the land. The present efficiency of the college with 404 students enrolled by the end of the first month of the present session is most gratifying. The buildings are crowded to the very doors with young men.

The question before Mississippi Baptists today is: What shall we say to the 600 more young men who ought to be at Mississippi College right now?

A partial answer to the question may be found in raising \$75,000 upon which condition we are to receive \$25,000 from the Educational Society of New York for new buildings, together with \$20,000 more from Mr. Carnegie on endowment. In this connection it should be stated that the Jennings family of Water Valley have given \$10,000 more for a building in honor of their deceased

father. All together we are to add \$140,000 to the equipment of Mississippi College, which would enable us to care for 600 or 800 students. It is gratifying to state that encouraging progress is being made in securing the necessary \$75,000. Your committee earnestly requests every member of every church in the association to make a liberal gift to this work before January, 1907; also that all our people who have sons or wards to educate seriously consider the claims of Mississippi College. She has always held out the helping hand to our young men, especially so to those who have to struggle against great odds. It is gratifying to note the great work that is being done by the Female Institutes of the state. Some of them with over a thousand girls in attendance and yet some must be turned away for lack of room.

May God bless every effort put forth by our people to advance the cause of Christian Education.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. D. SMITH.

W. B. MOODY.

D. A. SCARBOROUGH.

The Association then adjourned till 1:30 p. m. Prayer by W. K. Red.

#### Afternoon Session.

The Association was called to order at 1:30 p. m.. Devotional service was conducted by A. J. Rogers. Scriptures read 24th Psalms. Prayer by Brethren Suttle and J. H. Caver.

The report on Finance was read by N. L. Phillips and adopted

#### Report on Finance.

Sustenance .....	\$13.94
Home Mission .....	161.95
State Missions .....	60.35
Foreign Missions .....	31.56
For Minutes .....	62.07
Total .....	<hr/> \$329.07

N. L. PHILLIPS,

O. J. BOWEN,

THOMAS PURVIS,

Committee.

By motion Mrs. E. V. Clark, vice president of Woman's Work, was granted ten dollars (\$10.00) to help bear the expenses in said work.

By motion the clerk was instructed to have 700 copies of minutes printed and that he receive \$25.00 for his services. Bro. W. C. Grace, of the Gulf Coast Association was recognized as a



visitor.

The report on publications was then read by T. E. Waldrup. After a discussion by Brethren T. E. Waldrup and J. E. Phillips the report was amended by recommending the Mississippi Baptist. The discussion was then continued by Brethren W. H. Boone, O. M. Lucas and A. J. Rogers. The report was then adopted.

#### Report on Publication.

The kind of matter one reads has a great deal more to do with shaping one's character than might occur at first thought. Lord Bacon once said that "Reading makes a full man. If then this is true, and it is true, it is important to know with what we are to be filled. Many things may be appetizing, but to be sure, not all things are easily assimilated. If one is known by the company he keeps, certainly he is known by the reading he does.

Much reading makes one either wise or unwise, according to his ability to discern the intent of the spirit. The Great Commission is to publish the gospel unto all the world even into the uttermost parts of the earth. How can we publish the gospel unless we first be filled with it and how can we be filled with the gospel unless we read it. This gospel is contained in the Bible, the Book of Books.

Again, we are "to study to show ourselves approved" because we are "living epistles, known and read of all men." Nowhere else can we find this study so complete and so vitalizing as in the Bible.

We, therefore, recommend, first of all, that our people make the Bible their constant companion in order that they may be "instant in season and out of season" for in it are the words which testify of Him said, "By their fruit you shall know them." For recreation and collateral reading we recommend the various organs which represent the causes we foster: Our Home and Foreign Missions, the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal. Our Sabbath School Convention Series. On the Orphanage. The Orphan's Gem. For general reading, The Baptist Record and Mississippi Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. WALDRUP, Chairman.

W. J. McCOY.

A motion to amend Article 4 in the constitution was adopted.

The report on the Orphanage was read by Bro. J. P. Culpepper and after a discussion by him and Bro. W. E. Grace, it was adopted.

### Report on Orphanage.

The Orphanage is located at Jackson, Miss., and has as its superintendent Rev. J. R. Carter. Under the direction of Bro. Carter, the Orphanage has been very prosperous. Our Orphanage is well equipped with commodious buildings, with all the modern conveniences. The Baptists of the state have come nobly to the help of the Orphans. We would recommend that all our children take Thanksgiving offerings for the orphans and that our Sunday schools make monthly offerings for the children. It would be well for each Sunday school to select one orphan and support it. This work should appeal to all our churches. James puts it as a test of pure religion.

Respectfully,

JOHN P. CULPEPPER.

R. W. HATTEN.

W. P. SMITH.

By motion the time to preach the Associational sermon was changed from 7 p. m. to 11 a. m. on the first day. The report on Sunday schools was read by Bro. R. N. Davis and discussed by Brethren J. P. Culpepper, T. E. Waldrup, L. G. Gates, W. K. Red, A. J. Rogers and J. E. Phillips. The report was then amended and adopted.

### Sunday Schools.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report: The success of the Sunday school in city, town, or country depends mainly on the superintendent. If he is the right man under God, the Sunday school is a success, if not it is a failure. Oh! how we beg churches to pray for good men to run their Sunday schools. We believe it ought to be studied and prayed for as much as any part of our work, as we believe the Sunday school to be the church at work.

Amendment: We recommend that Brethren I. P. Trotter and T. E. Waldrup be appointed as a committee to co-operate with J. E. Byrd, our state Sunday school missionary, in holding Sunday school conventions in our association.

R. N. DAVIS,

J. L. DAVIS,

C. W. FILLINGAME,

Committee.

The report on Nominations was read by Bro. A. J. Rogers and adopted.

### Report on Nominations.

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following. That the next session of this body be held with the

Poplarville church, beginning on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November, 1907, at 10 o'clock, and that Bro. E. W. Spencer preach the Associational Sermon, L. G. Gates, alternate.

We recommend as delegate to the Southern Baptist convention I. P. Trotter. D. C. Rawls alternate. As delegates to the Baptist State Convention, T. E. Waldrup, D. C. Rawls, J. E. Phillips, J. P. Culpepper, R. D. Maum, J. H. Caver, G. H. Suttle, A. N. Pugh.

Executive Committee: I. P. Trotter, F. F. Phillips, J. C. Ballard, O. J. Bowen, A. A. Montague.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. ROGERS.

EDW. DOZIER.

The Moderator then read a report on Chairmen of Committees for 1907.

**Committees for 1907.**

Committee on Nominations—A. J. Rogers, E. Dozier, S. C. Culpepper.

**Chairmen for 1907.**

Sustentation—J. F. Parker.

Education—A. P. Pugh.

Woman's Work—L. G. Gates.

Sunday Schools—R. J. O'Bryant.

Orphans' Home—R. L. Sprales.

Missions—J. P. Culpepper.

Temperance—E. W. Spencer.

Publication—D. C. Rawls.

By motion the clerk was instructed to increase the apportionment of our general contributions on a 25 per cent. basis.

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### Apportionment for 1907

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Miss'ns	Ministerial Education	Sustentation	Orphan's Home
Augusta New	5	2	3	2	1	2
Big Level	5	2	3	1	1	2
Bond	20	10	10	5	5	20
Brooklyn	5	2	3	2	3	3
Corinth	5	5	5	2	3	5
Ellisville	100	100	150	15	75	200
Estabutchie	20	15	15	5	10	25
Epps	8	2	2	1	1	2
Fairfield	10	5	5	5	5	5
Hattiesburg 1st	500	500	800	50	100	200
Heidelberg	5	5	5	5	5	5
Indian Springs	5	2	2	2	2	2
Lacey	3	2	2	2	2	2
Laurel 1st	200	175	175	125	50	200
Lumberton	100	50	50	26	20	75
So So	3	2	2	1	1	2
Sardis	5	2	3	2	2	3
Orvisburg	15	10	10	5	5	5
Perkinston	5	2	3	2	2	3
Sumrall	20	10	10	5	5	6
Poplarville	100	50	50	25	5	175
Purvis	40	20	20	10	5	25
Sandersville	25	20	20	10	10	40
Columbia St.	250	250	250	10	10	20
Shady Grove	20	20	20	5	5	5
Wingate	3	2	2	1	3	5
Vernon	5	2	2	2	2	3
Wiggins	10	5	5	6	5	2
Zion Hill	10	10	10	3	5	15
Laurel 2nd	100	50	50	10	10	20
Red Creek Mission	4	2	2	10	2	5

Bro. J. P. Culpepper made an appeal to the Association in the interest of Evangelism as needed within our territory, and discussed the wisdom of the churches in buying a tent for this purpose. A motion was passed to request the pastors to present the matter to their respective churches.

A motion was made to place the purchase of the tent and the work of evangelism in the Lebanon Association under the control of the executive board. A motion was made to appoint Bro. J. P. Culpepper to raise the money to buy a tent. The following resolution was adopted:



Resolved: That we return our thanks to this church and pastor and community, for its generous hospitality and the magnificent way in which we have been entertained.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Poplarville church on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 10 a. m., 1907.

Prayer by Bro. A. V. Rowe.

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Woman's meeting, auxiliary to the Lebanon Association met in the Methodist church Nov. 1, 2:30 p. m.

### MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S MEETING.

The ladies of the different churches of the Lebanon Association held their meeting at Wiggins Nov. 1, 1906, with Mrs. R. B. Stapleton acting president and Miss Docia Bond secretary. Quite a number of ladies were present and the discussions were very interesting.

The Frontier Box question was very ably and forcibly discussed by Mrs. Stapleton, of Hattiesburg, Mrs. Hyde, of Ellisville, and Mrs. Spencer, of Wiggins.

"The object of Woman's Work" was fully discussed by Mesdames Barton, Hyde and McCoy, of Hattiesburg, Ellisville and Poplarville, respectively.

All societies that were represented gave in very nice reports and all who had not taken up the Frontier Box work resolved to do so within the next year.

A free will offering was given to the ladies of Wiggins to help rebuild their church. It amounted to \$12.50.

Rev. A. V. Roe addressed the meeting and gave us several good points to work to for the year to come. He showed us as we had never been shown before how very important our work was and how very important it was for us to continue our work on a higher basis than we have ever before.

The meeting adjourned to meet at Poplarville October 30, 1907.

MISS DOCIA BOND, Secretary and Treasurer.

MRS. R. B. STAPLETON, President.

Education	Sustentation	Orphan's Home
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6	20	75
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5	5	175
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# LADIES' MISSION SOCIETIES

# SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS	SECRETARIES	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARIES	POSTOFFICE	PUPILS	TEACHERS	BAPTIZED	EXPENSES
Bond	Mrs. D. A. Scarborough	Mrs. J. R. Davis	D. A. Scarborough	J. A. Davis	Bond	70	4	3	\$36 66
Brooklyn			C. W. Pillingham	Lillie Wilson	Brooklyn	50	4	3	5 55
Heidelberg	Mrs. R. F. Barton	Mrs. T. B. Wright	E. A. White	B. S. Lyon	Heidelberg	36	5	1	20 00
Columbia Street	Mrs. B. A. Short	Mrs. H. M. Overstreet	J. C. Palford	W. H. Stongue	Heidelberg	163	10	6	20 00
Eastbourne			B. A. Short	W. H. Stongue	Eastbourne	66	6	7	20 20
Patridge	Mrs. R. B. Stapleton	Mrs. L. E. Hall, Jr.	S. B. Stringer	Mrs. Clara Rainey	Crosby	25	3	4	8 00
Haitesburg, 1st	Mrs. M. P. Bush	Mrs. C. C. Polk	T. E. Waltrip	S. H. Mitchell	Haitesburg	400	25	13	113 06
Laurel, 1st	Mrs. Julia Hall		J. S. Love	J. L. Williams	Laurel	277	13	27	113 06
Lamberton			H. K. McIlmore	Wrighte Bass	Lamberton	110	6	1	25 00
Orvisburg			Mrs. Lydie Evans	Bessie Cullen	Orvisburg	41	4	2	10 00
Wingate			J. B. Purvis	Mrs. T. J. King	Wingate	45	4	17	58 99
Purvis	Mrs. L. L. Polk	Mrs. Broom	M. N. McCoy	C. E. Thomas	Purvis	111	7	15	54 07
Poplarville	Mrs. J. P. Culpepper	Mrs. C. T. Shoemaker	W. W. Bostick	Mattie Caver	Poplarville	40	2	10	123 88
Sandersville	Mrs. J. T. Smallwood	Mrs. W. O. Hedgepath	L. L. Davis	A. McDaniel	Sandersville	232	6	10	58 08
Laurel, and	Mrs. K. W. Spencer	Mrs. Decia Bond	W. J. Pack	Mrs. Idalza Davis	Laurel	110	9	1	38 08
Wiggins	Mrs. E. V. Clark	Mrs. N. V. Wallen	R. W. Brooks	Oliver Austin	Wiggins	35	3	1	26 57
Ellisville				A. C. Gay	Ellisville	35	3	1	7 00
Zion Hill					Zion Hill				
Sumrall					Sumrall				
Total						2721	131	103	

## LEBANON ASSOCIATION.

DATE	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK AND TREASURER	PREACHER	Members	TOTAL CONTRI- BUTIONS
Nov. 1894	Hattiesburg	O. D. Bowen	Chas. G. Elliott	J. A. Hackett	1,315	\$ 5875 15
Sept. 1895	Poplarville	"	"	Chas. G. Elliott	1183	4112 78
Sept. 1896	Ellisville	"	"	W. B. Holcomb	1356	5360 16
Dec. 1897	Purvis	"	"	L. E. Hall	1421	6345 89
Sept. 1898	Stady Grove	"	"	O. D. Bowen	1624	7085 75
Sept. 1899	Eastabuchie	"	"	J. R. Parish	1746	10689 95
Aug. 1900	Hattiesburg	"	"	W. P. Roper	1841	18473 82
Aug. 1901	Lumberton	"	"	J. N. McMillin	1909	28853 31
Sept. 1902	Laurel	"	"	J. T. Dale	2575	17112 90
Sept. 1903	McHenry	"	B. C. Cox	I. P. Trotter	2761	28870 32
Nov. 1903	Ellisville	"	W. K. Red	J. P. Culpepper	3241	
Nov. 1905	Hattiesburg	I. P. Trotter	W. K. Red	L. G. Gates	3507	22237 17
Nov. 1906	Columbia St Virgins	I. P. Trotter	W. K. Red	A. P. Pugh	3803	31407 60

### STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1.

Value of Parlors' Homes	Value of Church Property	Total Membership	Lost		Restored	By Baptism	
			By Exclusion	By Letter		By Letter	By Letter
600	1500	76	1	4	4	15	4
600	600	53	1	3	3	15	3
3500	3000	221	2	11	4	23	7
500	3000	94	2	9	2	15	4
2000	3000	243	14	4	4	11	4
500	500	57	1	6	6	10	6
5000	28000	171	5	3	3	50	3
1500	800	35	1	2	2	50	2
3000	2900	145	2	25	25	47	21
1500	2900	92	6	14	14	4	14
3500	3500	86	5	6	6	1	5
1200	3000	179	11	24	24	24	23
1000	3000	94	2	14	14	14	13
600	1000	100	7	1	1	15	1
1000	1000	50	1	1	1	1	1
300	1000	84	1	2	2	1	2
700	2200	76	1	9	9	1	6
1000	2000	40	3	25	25	17	6
2000	2000	216	12	1	1	25	1
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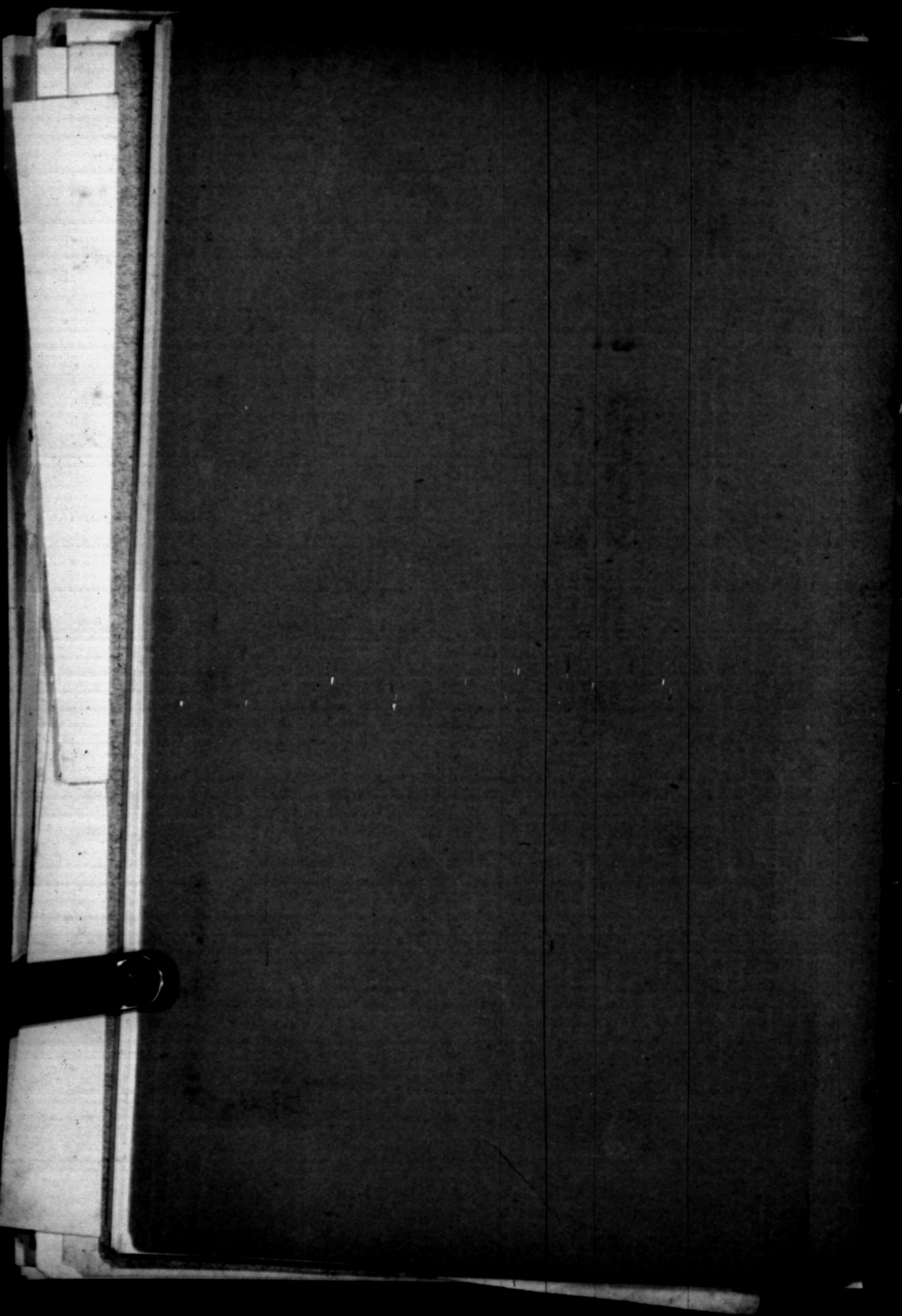


# STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1.

## STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Visiting Ministers	Sustentation	Orphanage	Church Expenses	Sunday School Expenses	Relief of Poor	Associational Purposes	Building and Repairing	Mississippi College	Miscellaneous	Total
Big Level	\$ 100					\$ 15 00			\$ 26	36 66		4	143 85	46 25		539 76
Brooklyn	100					25 00						1				102
New Augusta	75	5 00				39 95						2				106
Corinth	100	4 50	8 00	4 00	20 00	254 70	13		251 48	90 00	18	5	225	340	1 10	156 45
Columbia Street	1000	136 68	2 00	304 18	5 00	46 00	8 50	10	13 80	39 20		2	44		10	2973 5
Eastabatchie	200	18 85	17 15	17 60	10 00	84 00	50	57 60	86 8	26 37		2	176 60	125	71 33	471 66
Ellisville	600	90 00	94 02	135 00				1 75								1714 40
Epps	60	22 01	3 60			22 19				8 00		1 57				162 27
Fairfield	1500	566 75	451 85	854 43	40 46	200	13 94	5	846 35	180 81	15 32	5	450	2500		7733 13
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Heidelberg																
Indian Springs																
Laurel 1st	1500	191 25	151 00	161 02	107 50	157 30		287 10	372 78	103 06	76 30	10	24 50		306	4814 30
Lumberton	800	73 00	71 67	101 10		18 50		70	75	35	12 52	3	69 45	1100	117 50	2525 22
Orvisburg	140		13 35	15 00		49						2				215 87
Perkinson	44	2 00		1 00								2				98
Purvis	500	40 00	36 00	30 57			23	160	45	54 7		3	500			1294 30
Poplarville	1200	132 60	36 00	22 50	7 50	62 50	5 75	33 25	316 8	10		5	578 37			2674 32
Sandersville	200	20 25	20 00	17 00		10			19			2 50				366 25
Sardis	50	5 05										1				84 05
So So																
Shady Grove	200	22 00	14 00	17 75		35		13 00				1 50				302 75
Vernon				5 00			45 55	3 40				1				49 95
Laurel 2nd	653 26	118 33	25 00	50 00	7 50	90 5		21 20	133 55	123 88	65 12	5	396 11		47 85	1723 19
Wiggins	450	5 00		4 00						35		3	112 81			606 81
Lacy																
Sumrall	200	40 00				46		15		8		2	1300			1611
Wingate	50	9 50				13		12	60	10		1	500			192 50
Zion Hill	115	15 08				16		10				2				165 98
Red Creek Union	124		10 00	7 90		35		10				3				182
Total	\$10481 70	\$1617 31	\$1115 76	\$1789 77	\$190 46	\$1192 20	\$159 74	\$974 65	2331 2	765 59	187 24	57 57	6546 19	4111 25	592 68	31407 60

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